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New No Wrong Door Funding Announcement From ACL, CMS, and VHA

Last week, the U.S. Administration for Community Living, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Veterans Health Administration jointly issued a [Funding Announcement](#) to assist states in the planning of a No Wrong Door (NWD) System that will make it easier for all populations in need of LTSS to learn about and access the services and supports they need. While most states have made great strides in developing programs to improve consumer access to LTSS using various federal grants and authorities, including Aging and Disability Resource Center grants, Money Follows the Person grants, and the Balancing Incentive Program, this opportunity reflects a full vision across these programs on the functional and operational capacity of a NWD System for all populations and all payers.

Specifically, funds under this FOA are being made available to support state-led 12-month planning projects to identify the actions the state would need to take to successfully implement a NWD System as described in this FOA. States eligible to compete for funding under this FOA include all states and territories, except the 8 states currently receiving Part A ADRC Grants (CT, MD, MA, NH, OR, VT, WA, WI). Any state agency can serve as the grantee under this FOA. Funding applications are due July 15th. All eligible states are encouraged to apply. Awards are expected to be made to about 35 states in September.

ACL will be holding an informational teleconference for potential applicants:

- Thursday, June 5, 3:00 PM ET
- 888-455-9730; Code 2780
- [Full Opportunity Announcement and Attachments](#)

New Resources



[2012 Medicaid Expenditures for Long-Term Services and Supports Report](#) includes information on spending in this key area compared to past years. FY 2012 marked the second consecutive year with little or no growth in national Medicaid spending for long-term services and supports (LTSS). This report also highlights the growth of home and community-based services spending as a percent of total LTSS spending.



[Home Safety for People with Alzheimer's Disease](#) from the National Institute on Aging is a publication to help caregivers cope with the challenges of caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease and develop creative solutions to increase the security and freedom of the person with Alzheimer's in the home, as well as their own peace of mind. The goal is to improve home safety by identifying potential problems in the home and offering possible solutions to help prevent accidents.



[Just Like Home: An Advocate's Guide to Consumer Rights in Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services \(HCBS\)](#) is a guide for consumers, advocates and other stakeholders with information regarding multiple facets of the new standards, including consumer rights in HCBS, and the guidelines for determining which settings are disqualified from HCBS reimbursement. This guide from the National Senior Citizens Law Center is based on the federal rules and subsequently issued guidance, and will be updated as further information becomes available.

Upcoming Events

1) Performance Measures in Mobility Management: Experiences from the Field

The National Center for Mobility Management is holding this webinar. Participants will hear from state and local mobility management practitioners about ways they are measuring the performance of a variety of mobility management objectives and activities. Emphasis will be placed on measures created to focus on the impact of mobility management objectives on wider community goals. All presenters will share high- and low-tech tools to communicate value to community leaders.

***Thursday, May 22, 2:00-3:15 PM ET**

[*Register in Advance](#)

2) SNAP Eligibility and Benefits for Seniors

The National Council on Aging is holding a webinar on why the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) is a valuable tool for seniors who are struggling to pay for food. In this second of a four-part series, attendees will learn about federal eligibility thresholds and deductions seniors can take to maximize their SNAP benefit.

***Tuesday, May 27, 2:00-3:00 PM ET**

***[Register in Advance](#)**

***[Additional Materials](#)**

3) Professional Development Webinars for Social Workers, Counselors, Registered Nurses & Other Healthcare Professionals

These free courses are offered through the Rehabilitation Research and Training Institute with support from the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office. Free CEUs are available. Register using the links below. See the Course links for full descriptions of all offered courses.

***Various Dates, 1:00-4:00 PM ET**

***[Pain in People with Developmental Disabilities Courses](#)**

***[The Assessment of Pain: May 22](#)**

***[Pharmacology and Developmental Disabilities Courses](#)**

***[Practical Considerations Related to Pharmacology and DD: June 2](#)**

TAE Tip of the Week:

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